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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

1. Briscoe et al. (2000) "A Homeodomain Protein Code Specifies Progenitor Cell Identity And Neuronal Fate In The Ventral Neural Tube" Cell 101:435-445;
2. Mirmira et al. (2000) "Beta-Cell Differentiation Factor Nkx6.1 Contains Distinct DNA Binding Interference And Transcriptional Repression Domains" J. Biol. Chem. 275(19):14743-14751 (**Exhibit 1**);
3. Oster et al. (1998) "Homeobox Gene Product Nkx 6.1 Immunoreactivity In Nuclei Of Endocrine Cells Of Rat And Mouse Stomach" J. Histochem. And Cytochem. 46(6):717-721 (**Exhibit 2**); and
4. Schwitzgebel et al. (2000) "Expression Of Neurogenin3 Reveals An Islet Cell Precursor Population In The Pancreas" Genes & Development 127:3533-3542 (**Exhibit 3**).

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PCT International Application No. PCT/US01/27256, filed August 31, 2001, is a foreign counterpart application of the subject application. A Search Report was issued on January 15, 2002 in connection with PCT International Application No. PCT/US01/27256, filed August 31, 2001. A copy of the Search Report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. Above listed references 1-4 were cited in the Search Report. Above listed reference 1 was previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 23, 2001 in connection with the subject application. Accordingly, a copy of reference 1 is not being provided herewith. Copies of references 2-4 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1-3**, respectively.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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